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1. UNITED KINGDOM: Further reaction to the Schuman plan--
According to US Ambassador Douglas in London, the UK's chief economic planning official has categorically stated that the British are not preparing counter proposals to the Schuman plan and has declared that the UK Government is well aware of the political importance of the Schuman proposal. The British planning official expressed his personal view that the British would support the plan, even at the cost of economic disadvantages, provided there was "reasonable assurance" that it would work. Douglas comments that these remarks express the sincere views of a planning official intimately involved in consideration of the Schuman plan but expresses his doubt that such remarks accurately represent the true feelings of higher government officials responsible for the 3 June communique. Douglas further comments that because Foreign Minister Bevin, whom he suspects as having been largely responsible for the communique, is in the hospital and Attlee, who is more favorable to the plan, is therefore playing a larger role in foreign policy, the British position may be gradually modified.

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